



image

A F 1700

Attorney Docket: Bookbinder 16-6-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Bookbinder et al.

Serial No: 09/447,077

Group Art Unit: 1762

Filing Date: 11/22/99

Examiner: W. Markham

Title: METHODS FOR PROTECTING
SILICA-CONTAINING
ARTICLE AND INHIBITING
BREAKS DURING DRAWING
OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND
SILICA-CONTAINING
ARTICLE PROTECTED
AGAINST BREAK-INDUCING
PARTICULATES

RESPONSE

Mail Stop: AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action dated December 01, 2003 in the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments and Remarks as follows:

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.